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Re:

New United States Patent Application

Title:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

SUPPORTING COMMUNICATIONS

WITHIN A VIRTUAL TEAM

ENVIRONMENT

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPORTING COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN A VIRTUAL TEAM ENVIRONMENT

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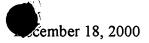
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- a) Utility Patent Application Transmittal PTO/SB/05
- **b**) Specification/Claims/Abstract with Declaration/Power of Attorney
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- Formal Drawings (39 Sheets Figs. 1 36) d)
- Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449 e)
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